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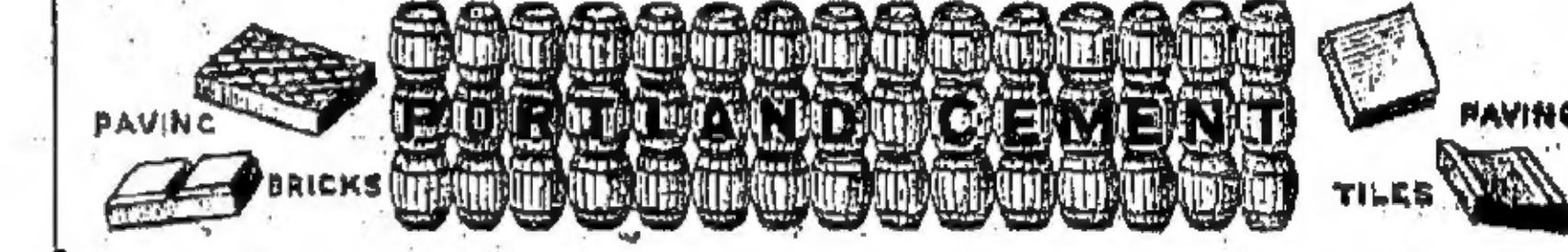
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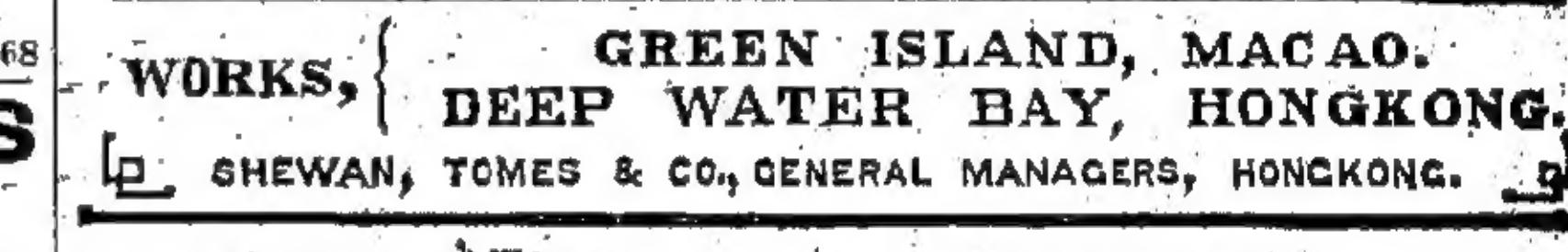
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NOTICE OF FIRM.

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-eighth Ordinary Annual
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
in the above Company will be held at the
OFFICES of the Company, Pudding's Street,
on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February,
1897, at 12.30 of the Clock in the Afternoon,
to receive a Statement of Accounts to
31st December, 1896, and the Report of
the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting
Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 13th to the
26th February, both days inclusive.

JADEINE, MATEESON & CO.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, January 30, 1897. 213

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CHADWICK K.E.W.

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Hongkong, December 10, 1896. 2388

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Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 1732

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Hongkong, August 22, 1895. 1702

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with the FULL STRENGTH of the
Company,

including several New Artists just arrived;
and Sails for Shanghai on

THURSDAY, 4th March.

Hongkong, February 23, 1897. 381

THEATRE ROYAL

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THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB
will give performances of
'Les Cloches de Corneville'

on the following dates—

Wednesday, 24th February, 1897.
Saturday, 27th February, 1897.
Tuesday, 2nd March, 1897.

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Performance at 9 p.m. precisely.

PRICES, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

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of the Curtain.

The Booking Office, at the Theatre Royal
will be open on and after

WEDNESDAY, 10th February.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 23, 1897. 208

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

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SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
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Agency's Office).

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 20, 1897. 370

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER HYDASES.

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby informed
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placed at their risk in the HONGKONG
KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY,
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signee will be sorted out Mark by Mark
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This Vessel brings in Cargo—

From PERSIAN GULF, ex. s.s. NARVIK
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Goods not cleared by the 25th instant,
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No Fire Insurance will be effected by me
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No Firs. Insurance must be left in
the Godown, a certificate of the dam-
age obtained from the Godown Company
within ten days after the Vessel's arrival
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H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 20, 1897. 394

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Families and for Monthly or Extended
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P. BOHM,
Proprietor and Manager,
Hongkong, November 24, 1896. 1907

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Hongkong, September 3, 1896. 1786

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THE MANAGER,
New Victoria Hotel,
Hongkong, November 24, 1896. 725

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8% per Share, and
a BONUS of 4% per Share, for the
Six Months ending 31st December, 1896,
declared at Monday's Ordinary
Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the premises
of the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, on and after TUESDAY, the
23rd February, but SHAREHOLDERS are
requested to apply for Dividends, WAR-
RANTS at the Company's OFFICES, No. 14,
Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 23, 1897. 385

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H. A. RITCHIE,
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Hongkong, February 20, 1897. 394

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FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.

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GAMBIER,

Captain VIVIAN, will be
despatched for the above

SATURDAY, the 27th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, February 23, 1897. 228

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHAWTOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship

TAIWAN,

Captain HALL, will be
despatched as above on

FRIDAY, the 26th Instant, at 4 p.m.

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The Co.'s Steamship

KIENING,

Captain HALL, will be
despatched as above on

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The King of Korea is still at the Russian Legation at Seoul.

Miss Carew is reported to be under medical treatment in Yokohama.

The Masonic Ball at Kobe on the 12th inst. appears to have been a great success.

A number of chair ecclesies were fired 27 per chair at the Magistracy to-day for demanding more than their legal fare on Race days.

A second remittance of Rs. 20,000, has been wired to the Honorary Secretary, Central Committee of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, Calcutta, by the Hon. Treasurer in Hongkong.

It is reported that the German Government intends to recall Professor Koch from the Capo and to send him at the head of a Committee of experts to Bombay to study the plague bacterium.

We understand that Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes has resigned his office as Colonial Treasurer, having received an appointment as Deputy Governor of a large govt in the north of England. His successor will be Mr. T. Scrimgeour Smith, at present Acting Puisne Judge, Mr. A. M. Thompson, as we stated last night, becoming Postmaster General. Mr. Scrimgeour Smith is one of the most popular members of the civil service, and since his return to the Colony on completing his legal studies in London has distinguished himself both as Police Magistrate and Puisne Judge. His selection for the Treasurer will meet with general approval.

SURGEON-Captain Edye wrote to the Police on 20th February complaining of two rickshaw coolies having refused to accept him as a fare. Inspector Baker summoned the coolies to appear at the Magistracy to-day and requested Captain Edye to attend. When the case came on for hearing to-day the complainant did not appear, and the Inspector produced a letter from Captain Edye stating he did not think it was necessary for him to appear at the Court, and as a written statement was sufficient in a Military Court he thought that was sufficient for the Civil Court. Commander Hastings said that was just where the mistake was made, and seeing complainant was absent he discharged the prisoners.

This afternoon, the annual sale of ponies following upon the Race Meeting took place in the City-Hall square. The sale was conducted by Mr. T. Hough. There was not a great deal of competition, and prices ruled rather low. The highest price obtained was \$400 for *Gracypole*, the winner of the Scurry Stakes. Dr. Noble was the purchaser. *Tolo* and *Spender* were sold for \$300 each, the former to Mr. J. Hastings and the latter to Mr. Kennedy. Mr. David's *Arturkis* only fetched \$145, and *Wakely Joe* found a purchaser at \$220. *San Flower* was bought in at \$145, and *Dundertie* only reached \$30. M. Leroux bought *Glenelby* for \$270; Mr. A. H. Roseve scoured *Energy* for \$100. Mr. Kennedy also purchased *Cratton* at \$265; *Comshaw* was sold to Mr. J. Hastings for \$60, and Hon. E. H. May became possessed of *Red Fire* at \$15. Captain Burney bought *Humber* at \$100.

S. C. FARNHAM AND CO., LTD., their barque *Dundertie* arrived at New York after a fine voyage of 119 days from Shanghai, including the time occupied in taking in 1,800 tons of cargo in Amoy. —N. C. Daily News.

MISTRESS: 'Mary, I don't suppose you're entertaining your young man in the kitchen, Mary?' 'Well, nun, he's too shy to come into the parlour.'

We are glad to hear from Peking (says the N. C. Daily News) that social harmony is completely restored in diplomatic circles there, the members of the French and Russian legations who resigned some time since having rejoined the Peking Club.

'How's your garden getting on, Wilkes? Everything's up—corn, peas, and tomatoes? What! Already?' 'Yes, the children pulled 'em up.'

It is reported that H. E. Lo Fung-lo in his capacity of Minister-delegate to Great Britain, has appointed his older brother to the Consul-Generalship at Singapore and his nephew to be Consul at Penang. Both of them are of Taotai's rank.—N. C. Daily News.

WIFE: 'Join, dear, now that we are in Paris I want you to order a real Parisian dinner à la carte.' Husband: 'Did you tell him to take it à la carte; the cart horses are a little tough.'

A SHANTUNG correspondent writes to the N. C. Daily News: 'The new Chinese silver coins are met with now once in a while in the interior, but the out-look is not very auspicious as the natives are reported to be buying them up, to be cast into ingots and sold by weight just as has been done in the past, is now, and—the Conservatives fondly hope—ever will be.'

H. E. BARON von Gutschmid, H. I. G. M.'s Minister to Japan, has notified to the Japanese Government that he will leave for Germany at the end of the present month. The reply of Count Okuma, the Foreign Minister, to the question put by the House of Representatives in reference to the alleged assault on military students by the German Minister, was forwarded to the House on the 10th instant. 'We need hardly point out that the facts adduced by Count von Gutschmid in his statement do not fit in with the ridiculous incident above mentioned as his Excellency's appropriate denunciation of "good moral character".'

CONFIRMATION.—She—Strange how we fit in!—He—strange still if it were day with such heavy rain.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.]

LONDON, 21st February, 1897.

GREAT BRITAIN, GREECE, CRETE, AND THE POWERS.

Lord Salisbury has intimated to the Powers that before taking action against Greece he is desirous of hearing the views of the other Powers regarding the future of Crete. He himself is in favour of an autonomy similar to that of Samos. Italy and France agree with Lord Salisbury, whilst Austria alone has accepted the Emperor William's proposal to blockade the Piraeus.

An immense demonstration has taken place at Athens, during which the King delivered a stirring address from the balcony of the palace.

Excitement reigns in Albania, where the Turks and Greeks are collecting on the frontier.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 23rd at 11.25 a. Pressure is now lower over Japan, and has also given way on the S. coast of China and in the Gulf of Tongking. Gradual slight to moderate on the S. coast. Forecast:—moderate to fresh N.E. winds; cloudy, some drizzling rain.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

The following is the Report of the Directors to be presented at the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders, on Saturday, the 22nd inst.:—

In accordance with Section 53 of the Articles of Association, the Directors have now to submit to the Shareholders their half-yearly Report for the six months ending 31st December, 1896.

Accounts.—The profit on Working Account for the six months amounted to \$24,110.75, as compared with \$24,259.56 for the corresponding period of 1895, being a decrease of \$148.80. The Profit and Loss Account, including \$824.45 brought forward, shows a credit balance of \$1,447.38, after allowing for the payment of \$6,000.00 towards Furniture and Fixtures, \$6,000.00 towards Repairs and Renewals, &c., \$2,000.00 Account as mentioned below, 447.38.

St. 447.38

Business.—The Business of the Hotel has continued to improve with the exception of the Bar and Billiard Room custom, and the Directors attribute the falling off in these departments mainly to the closing of Peader's Wharf and consequent diversion of traffic. On the completion of the new Wharf (which is now open) it will be much more likely that hope for a return of receipts on the former basis of years. The presence of plague in the Colony during the summer months also acted adversely on the Company's business, but in spite of these drawbacks the revenue from other sources shows satisfactory improvement. The shops and offices under the Building continue to be satisfactorily let, and the demand for such accommodation, owing to the extremely central position of the Hotel, is always in excess of the supply.

Repairs and Renewals Account.—With a view to provide in a more systematic manner for the repairs and renewals to Buildings, Furniture and Fixtures, the Directors propose with the shareholders' consent to open an Account to be called Repairs and Renewals Account, and, commencing with the current year, to credit the account with a minimum sum of \$6,000.00 half-yearly from the Profit, and thus make each half-year's working bear an equal proportion of the charge for renewals, &c., which in a business like that carried on by the Company must necessarily vary much from year to year.

Staff.—Mr. J. C. Goodchild was appointed Manager on the 12th September last.

Directors.—Messrs. E. Osborne and R. C. Wilcox retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

Account.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and W. H. Gaskell who are recommended for re-election.

EDWARD OSBORN, Chairman.

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1897.

That man Grabbit would take anything he could lay his hands on, wouldn't he? I guess so. I saw him taking an early train this morning.

FRIEND.—What are you selling now? Agent—Rubenbright metal polish. Friend—It's a good thing! Agent—Well, we've scoured the whole country with it.

ADMIRAL Ito, Vice-Minister for the Japanese Navy, is reported to have decided to resign his post. It is believed Admiral Yamamoto will be appointed his successor.

A FEW missionary families are being situated here (writes a correspondent at Tongchoufu, Shantung, to the N. C. Daily News), the Chinese who, no doubt, would prefer to see them elsewhere shows his pity spite by issuing another proclamation informing the people that this is a place where the Chinese and barbarians live together, and that they must keep a careful guard over their doors; in other words, to be on the look-out for thieves. Like those of some ancient cranes, his words are happily ambiguous as to who the thieves may be, but who are meant by the barbarians is sufficiently clear. His cue from the Governor, and mindful of what has been done for us, doing his best to help, these mineral producing hills, and an appeal has been in the meanwhile sent to Governor Liao at Hangchow for permission to open the mines. It appears that the late was these opinions have undergone a mighty change similar to the experience of the inhabitants of other provinces in China, and amongst the most eager new to open the Tongchou mines are the inhabitants themselves. The Report of the Governor is therefore anxiously awaited for all concerned.—N. C. Daily News.

Information to the Blood.—We have seen much of late from people who have been sent to us from the Chinese Blood Ministry. It cannot be too highly estimated for its character and clear the blood from all impurities. This is a good testimonial from the Family Doctor, which goes on further to say: 'At the first, Blood Purifier that science and skill have brought to light, and we can with the utmost confidence recommend it to our subjects.' His Excellency, the Family Doctor, who is a man of great learning, has also given its consent to a proposal of the Censor to incorporate the North China Railway with the new Peking-Hankow Railway on the ground that, with a paying concern at its back, there is no reason why it should not go on with the new line.

A SICK man.—Hungry Dawson.

—By god! I sometimes think our protection is not the meanest business going.

Hobo Hawk.—Well, we're other fallars.

—I'm a sick man.

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Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP MELBOURNE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON & S. S. *Bagdad* and BORNEO & S. S. *Ville d'Arras*; in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods are to be landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day (Friday), the 19th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 26th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and inland charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 26th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 10, 1897. 350

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *THUMAR*,
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA, KÖBE, MOJI, AND
SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Carriage impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1897. 357

MOUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *SIKU*,
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL
AND STRAITS.

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THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LIVERPOOL, NEWPORT
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Ninghove*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon of the 2nd of March next, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Intimations.

S. I. E. N. T. I. N. G.,
Surgeon Dentist,
No. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET,
TERMS VERY MODERATE.
Consultation Free.

Hongkong, April 6, 1893. 628

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It renders the skin
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THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER *KAISAR-I-LIND*,
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THE CHINA MAIL.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1897.

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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES
Corrected to Saturday, February 20, 1897.
At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

RECE.
BRIGHT, LONDON.
CASH, CASH.

Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English,	lb.	—	—
" Am. Sugar cured	310	—	—
" Fochow,	220	—	—
" Japan, cured	240	—	—
Beef sirloin & prime cut, fatty	140	—	—
Corned,	catty	140	—
" Roast,	140	—	—
Soup,	100	—	—
" Steak,	140	—	—
Bullock's Brains,	per set	60	60
" Tongue fresh, each	—	—	—
" corned	250	—	—
" Head,	600	—	—
" Heart,	160	—	—
" Ham, Salt fatty	140	—	—
" Feet,	each	60	60
" Kidneys,	50	—	—
" Tail,	160	—	—
" Liver,	catty	70	—
" Tripe (undressed), fatty	60	50	—
Calves Head and Feet, set	500	—	—
Ham, American,	lb.	340	—
" Chinese,	—	—	—
" English, New,	420	—	—
" Japan cured,	280	—	—
Shanghai,	220	—	—
Mutton Chop,	150	—	—
" Leg,	160	—	—
" Shoulder,	120	—	—
Pigs' Chittlings,	catty	70	60
" Feet,	110	—	—
" Fry,	160	—	—
" Head,	each	600	600
" Heart,	50	40	—
" Kidneys,	part	—	—
" Liver,	lb.	160	—
Pork, Chop,	catty	180	—
" Corned,	—	—	—
" Leg,	190	—	—
" Fat or Lard,	340	—	—
Sheep's Head and Feet, set	350	—	—
" Heart,	each	50	40
" Kidneys,	70	—	—
" Liver,	lb.	150	140
Sucking Pigs,	each	1.75	81.25
Suet, Beef,	lb.	110	—
" Mutton,	100	—	—
Veal,	catty	130	—
Poultry.			
" Chicken,	catty	230	—
" Capons,	250	—	—
" Ducks,	160	—	—
" Doves,	each	—	—
" Egg, Hen,	each	110	—
" Duck,	110	—	—
" Fowl,	170	—	—
" Geese,	170	—	—
" Hares,	each	600	—
" Musk Duck,	83.00	—	—
" Partridges,	450	—	—
" Pigeons,	210	—	—
" Pheasant,	brace \$1.40	—	—
" Rice Birds,	doz.	—	—
" Quail,	each	130	—
" Sops,	170	—	—
" Turkey Cook,	catty	500	—
" Hen,	400	—	—
Teal,	each	350	—
Wild Ducks,	pair	1.30	—
Fish.			
" Barbel,	catty	180	—
" Bream,	60	—	—
" Bombay Ducks,	100 pieces	25.0	—
" Oton Fresh Water Fish,	catty	—	—
" Carp,	130	—	—
" Catfish,	—	—	—
" Codfish, Salt,	—	—	—
" Crabs,	160	—	—
" Cuttle Fish,	80	—	—
" Dab,	60	—	—
" Dace,	90	—	—
" Dog Fish,	—	—	—
" Eels, Conger,	—	—	—
" Fresh water,	200	—	—
" Eels, Yellow,	160	—	—
" Flounder,	180	—	—
" Fish, Fish,	80	—	—
" Grouper,	300	—	—
" Gudgeon,	90	—	—
" Gurnard,	80	—	—
" Herring,	120	—	—
" smocked	box	—	—
" Halibut,	catty	100	—
" Labrus,	180	—	—
" Losh,	180	—	—
" Lobster,	180	—	—
" Mackeral,	—	—	—
" Monk Fish,	—	—	—
" Mullet,	180	—	—
" Oysters,	120	—	—
" Pufferfish,	180	—	—
Meat.			
" Bacon, English,	310	—	—
" Fochow,	220	—	—
" Japan, cured	240	—	—
Beef sirloin & prime cut, fatty	140	—	—
Corned,	catty	140	—
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